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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The restriction requirement of July 19, 1999 has been carefully reviewed and the following is in response thereto.

REMARKS

In the above identified Office Action, the Examiner has restricted the application to one of three stated inventions:

- I. A sulphonate, claims 22-37;
- II. A phenate, claims 27-37; and
- III. An alkyl amine, claims 27-37.

The Examiner has stated that the three inventions are distinct because each invention requires a separate search. Applicant hereby elects to prosecute claims 22-37 drawn to a sulphonate. Applicant specifically elects benzoxazole, benzotriazole or benzothiazole as the UV deactivator. Applicant makes the above election with traverse, noting generic claim 22, 35 and 36 all of which are not only generic, but linking, and as such, each of the indicated areas of search must be searched regardless of Applicant's election herein.

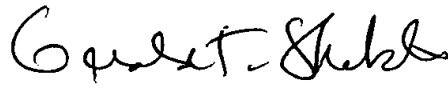
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Applicant notes that the claims call for an oil soluble basic compound and believes that the search parameter should be broad enough to encompass all oil soluble basic compounds so that all possible equivalents would be located and identified for a better determination of patentability and as such, each of the indicated classes would be required to be searched.

Respectfully submitted,

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